

APRIL 19, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
& SUDDERTH SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

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Integrative Method of Worship

There are many styles of worship. At First Presbyterian, our worship style, generally, is a traditional reformed service with liturgy, confession and classic Christian hymnody. Even with our traditional emphasis, we believe that relevant worship in the 21st century provides space for congregants and visitors to do integrative spiritual work. By this, we mean that our daily experiences inform and affect our theology and vice versa. In worship at First Presbyterian, we are striving to integrate experience and theology so that we feel responsive and genuine in our faith as we live our daily lives. Worship planning is anchored and planned around the sermon or the sermon series. Series are planned to address any one of four areas: mission of the church, life of the church family, Biblical literacy and current relevant topics. We strive to be balanced and thoughtful in what is offered for your prayer and reflection. However, because integration and responsiveness are the goal, we will often address sensitive issues. Prayers and confessions are written by our pastor. Our children's Spirit Box time is the opportunity for children to have a choice and voice in worship. We welcome you, as you are, to each worship service at First Presbyterian. Integrative work is not easy. It is not always comfortable, but it is essential to a vital church. Please feel free to reach out to our pastor with your questions.

Statement of Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Waco, Texas, welcomes all as children of God through our worship, outreach, Christian education and congregational life events. By the liberating and compelling grace of God, and in accord with our Reformed theological heritage, we follow Jesus Christ's example by reaching out to seekers and those in need, nurturing disciples, honoring diversity and seeking to reconcile the world to God through ministries of justice and mercy.

If You Are New Here

Stop by our Welcome Center in the Narthex for information. When you are seated, please fill out the Welcome Folder you will find in the pew. After all in the pew have signed, pass it to the center aisle or use the QR code to sign in online.

These May Help During the Service (ask an usher for assistance)

- Large-print hymnal
- Hearing enhancement device
- Worship bags & fidget toys for children in the Narthex "parental discretion with these items, please." Please return the bag after the service.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

You will find prayer cards in the back of the pew. You may place them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. Your prayers are confidential unless you request otherwise.

Childcare

Childcare is available from 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M in room S202.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Larson
(10:30) *O Rest in the Lord from 'Elijah'* Mendelssohn

The 8:30 prelude will feature a duet performance featuring Maren Du Preez.

+ Call to Worship

One: We gather each week because marks have meaning.

Many: We gather because we have wounds and disciples needed to see his.

One: We gather into worship because we feel marked for a purpose.

Many: Can others see our purpose, can they see our wounds?

One: We gather for worship to offer purpose and wounds into the strength of the Spirit. Amen.

+ Hymn #766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of Beauty and Marking - we confess that we often feel marked by family likeness, by accidents, by the kiss of the sun or the scar. We are mindful of our marks, affecting what we wear and how we seek to present ourselves. And yet, you are the marked God. How we long to see our bodies as a canvas of unique marking, likenesses, and wounds. As the disciples asked to see the marks of the crucifixion in order to understand renewed presence, how we long to see our markings in meaningful ways. Hear our confession and our longing as we offer our prayers into your wholeness and holiness. Amen.

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #341 (10:30) *O God, Show Mercy to Us* THAXTED
O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face.

Declaration of Grace & Sharing of the Peace of Christ

+ Invitation to Our Children (10:30) "*Christ Before Me*" St. Patrick's Breastplate
Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ beside me, Christ within me,
Christ in the face of those who love me.

Spirit Box Miles Palm

God be in my head. God be in my heart. God be on my left. God be on my right.

God be beneath me. God be above me. God be in the faces of all who love me.

We are grateful for last week's giving of \$12,244.92.

To date we have collected \$1,740.90 for the Sudderth Fund. Help us surpass our goal of \$2,500!

Thanks to Sam Diaz-Granados for joining in the sermon today.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 (pew Bible OT pg. 614)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Immortal, Invisible

Eric H. Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love. To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish but naught changeth thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

+ Gospel Reading: John 20:24-29 (pew Bible NT pg. 115)

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord. | **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ Gloria Patri #581 (10:30)

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: Remembering Our Dead: Onto - the Body as Canvas

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Hymn #808

When Memory Fades V.2

FINLANDIA

+ Affirmation of Faith - page 35 of Hymnal

Apostles' Creed

This creed, spoken together, allows us to feel, summarily, the major movement of the gospel. Speaking it allows us to be cradled in the elements of the gospel that give us the most comfort. Equally, it allows us to ponder and wonder about elements that are more challenging to understand. Our recitation of it is not a call to uniformity and conformity. Rather, it is a call to continue to explore our mysterious gospel for the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

Offering (10:30)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Utterbach

+ Doxology #606 (10:30)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) *Beautiful Rainbow*

Edgar La Rue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ Prayers of the People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ Hymn #821

My Life Flows On HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude: (8:30)
(10:30)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Rigaudon

Walters
Campra

Sanctuary Flowers

In honor of all of our Coffee Fellowship hosts and hostesses.

Given by: Eve & Joe Riley



Parlor Plants

With gratitude for our church family.

Given by: Jim & Carolyn Maxwell

Scan and register your attendance.



Thank you to Brenda & John Stephens for hosting Coffee Fellowship!

Parents of youth and children!

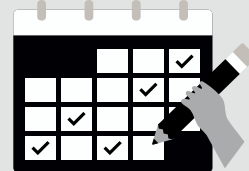
Please help us by filling out this brief, 8-question survey. The Christian Formation Committee, Leslie, Taylor, and Malorie, appreciates your time.



Easter Offering

We are delighted to have surpassed our goal of \$5,500. Together we raised over \$10,000 to date for our Easter offering. This money will be held by Refugia Ministries at Lake Shore Baptist Church, and distributed at the request of the Heart of Texas Network for Immigrant Rights (HOTNIR). HOTNIR will use these funds to help cover the legal fees for individuals that have applied and been selected to receive assistance. Thank you to everyone who donated!

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

19

8:30 A.M.
9:15 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
11:30 A.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid
Christian Formation Classes for all ages
Worship Service - Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship

MON

20

5:30 P.M.

Anniversary of the Church!

Session Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

21

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

WED

22

12:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.
7:00P.M.

Facilities Committee Meeting - Hybrid
In The Wings Youth Programming
Bell Choir Practice
Choir Practice

THU

23

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

SAT

25

2:00 P.M.

Presbyterian Women Event - Foundation Parlor

SUN

26

8:30 A.M.
9:15 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
12:30 P.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid
Congregational Gathering on Neurodiversity - Fellowship Hall
Worship Service - Hybrid
Beer & Hymns - Brotherwell Brewery

FIRST PRES NEWS



Our Hybrid House is the newest committee of the Diaconate, focusing on enriching our environment for hybrid worship and meetings held on Zoom. We are particularly interested in your opinions and experiences if you are a non-local participant of First Presbyterian. Look for our Hybrid House meeting on **May 10! This months question will be "What is something that's on your bucket list."**



WEDNESDAY IN THE WINGS LINE UP 6-8 P.M.

Join Malorie, Brian & our volunteers on Wednesday for our April evening programming.

- April 22: Grief & Loss with Dr. Helen Harris - Hybrid
- April 29: Youth Summer & Fall Planning Session

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SHOWER FOR TALITHA KOUM INSTITUTE

Presbyterian Women invite all women of FPC to an "April Shower" for Talitha Koum Institute of Waco on Saturday, April 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Foundation Parlor. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments while learning about TKI's work with young children and families from Kris Olson. Those who wish to give may bring an HEB gift card, Huggies diapers (sizes 5-7), or shop the Amazon Wish List at talithakoum.org. For more information, contact

- Sherry Cragen (254-644-1019) or
- Susan Somerville (512-921-1732).

CHANGES TO OUR WEBSITE

Check out the new changes to our website by scanning the QR code.



JUNIOR HIGH JUBILEE INTEREST

Junior High Jubilee: A week-long conference for 6th-8th graders featuring worship, friends, and fun! To register a student or volunteer as an adult sponsor, contact Malorie (dcf@firstpreswaco.org) or Taylor (tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org).

SUMMER TEACHER ORIENTATION

Thank you to all of our Summer Christian Formation teachers. Orientation will be on Saturday, May 16th, at 10:00a.m. More details to come soon.

BEER & HYMNS

Join us Sunday, April 26th 12:30-2:00p.m., for Beer, Brats, and Hymns at Brotherwell Brewery after church.

Non alcoholic beverages available.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO



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Church Office Hours: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Sunday Services 8:30 A.M. (Weekly Communion) and 10:30 A.M. (Morning Worship)
Pastor - Leslie King

